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Big city police rate probing

Editor of the Times:

It is good that you placed a photograph of Oswald "tightly guarded by Dallas police" right next to the article about Oswald having been, in the opinion of a competent American investigator, a trained Soviet agent.

This photograph will hopefully remind readers of a most important point in the Kennedy - Oswald - Ruby tragedy. Oswald, whether he was anybody's agent or not, is dead, and positive proof of his Soviet career and his guilt is not likely ever to be found. The two burly policemen who "tightly guarded" him so that a gangster, freely admitted to the police quarters, was able to approach and kill Oswald under their undisturbed stares, are still living. Other photographs show that they had not even made any of those instinctive movements that you make quickly when something you guard is being endangered. No, they just stared.

I propose that the proper investigators, CIA and others, and the public too, get more closely interested and more active in unraveling this living mystery. Besides, it is very difficult, practically hopeless, to get to the bottom of what the Soviet government is doing about training its agents. It is difficult but not hopeless to get to the bottom of what American big city police, Dallas or other, are doing in certain touchy situations — to use cautious language.

It is, besides, much more important for us, the citizenry, to know what the American police are doing or failing to do, than it would be to know about secret Soviet machinations. Soviet machinations, real as they may be, are also largely the nightmare content of the bad dreams that some Americans have. Too many good Americans that have these bad foreign dreams might do better by themselves and this country if they were more insistent about finding out a few domestic secrets that need cleaning up.

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